Child Care Compliance and Regulation

2025 Quarter 4 Dashboard

October 01, 2025, to December 31, 2025

Learn more about child care in Missouri here.

Amount of Time to Get Licensed

Licensed in less than 6 months

79%

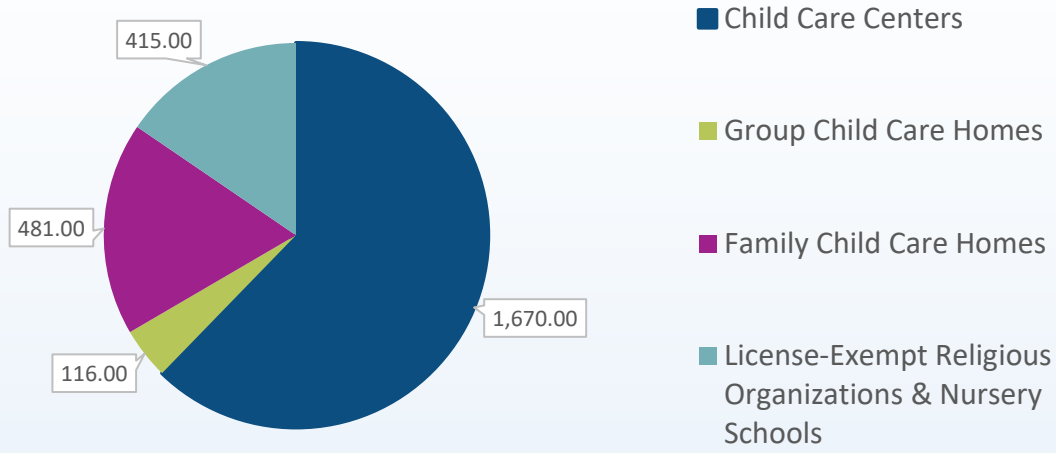
Licensed 6 - 12 months

20%

Licensed in more than 12 months

1%

Number of Licensed & License-Exempt Child Care Facilities



164,434

Total child care slots for all Licensed and License-Exempt child care facilities

*Data as of January 1, 2026

299

Facilities pending licensure and pending License-Exempt approval to operate

*Data as of January 1, 2026

1,392

Child care inspections completed in Licensed and License-Exempt facilities from

October 1, 2025-December 31, 2025

260

Complaint investigations completed in Licensed and License-Exempt facilities from

October 1, 2025-December 31, 2025

Event Highlights from Q4 2025

Events attended:

- Callaway County Early Education tour for high school students.
- QAR Achieved with MU Child Development Lab
- University of Missouri Extension Child Care Crisis Summit
- Missouri School Age Conference

Participated in regional meetings with:

- Southwest Missouri Childhood Community Leaders
- North Central Stakeholders
- Callaway County Education Coalition
- South Central Community Leaders
- Southwest Community Planning
- Community Partnership – Rolla
- Northwest Missouri Early Childhood Community Leaders
- Workforce You Meetings

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